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CONFERENCE “SECURITY MANAGEMENT AND SOCIETY”¹

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Within the European Social Fund project titled Education for National Security System (CZ.1.07/2.2.00/15.0070) under the Education for Competitiveness Operational Programme umbrella, the "Security Management and Society" international conference took place at the Brno exhibition centre on 16 and 17 May 2012. It was guaranteed by the Deputy Minister of Defence for personnel affairs, Mr. Michael Hrbata.

Conference speakers included Deputy Minister Michael Hrbata, University of Defence rector–commandant prof. Rudolf Urban, Private Security Services Association president Jiří Kameník and other distinguished guests. Mr. Andro Barnovi, Deputy Minister of Defence of Georgia with his delegation attended at opening ceremony as a special guest as well.

Conference audience counted more than 100 experts in security coming from the Czech Republic and also other countries, such as Georgia, Azerbaijan, Slovenia, Poland and, last but not least, Slovakia.

Very interesting paper “Modern Crisis Management Tools presented professor Steinhäusler from Austria. Next invited paper “Reengineering National Security System – provocation number two” brought forward professor Podbregar from Slovenia. Mr. Juverdeanu from Europol (Netherlands) informed about “Thieves-in-law and their influence in the EU”. Mr. Pawełczyk from Poland contributed with the paper „Environmental Hazard at Former Military Areas Contaminated with Aviation Fuel. Remediation Measures.” From Czech and Slovak speakers it is necessary to mention professor Tichý, Mrs. Procházková, Mr. Řehák, Mr. Kazanský and Mrs. Hoscheková and their presentations.

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Conference agenda covered the issues of risk management, action, recovery and environment security in regional, national or multinational systems of population, property and environment protection placing accent on information exchange among military experts, security services and other security management process stakeholders. The organisers planned to resume EU effort with supporting the activities intended to aid society sustainable development. Support of science, research and education in the appropriate field was a parallel plan.

Conference, as was mention above, was organized within the framework of project from European Union. This project, titled „ Education for National Security System” has main goal to innovate the current education and formation system of national security system experts through innovated Economics and Management degree programme. The project focuses on a comprehensive approach to education for the applicants oriented towards security issues who represent the main target audience for the project. Its ambitions include contributions to generalised experience and lessons learnt in project implementation period so that security is considered a responsibility of the entire society.

The organisers prepare next conference “Security Management and Society” in the spring 2013. The conference will cover similarly topics about crisis management, risk management, security systems in regional, national and multinational system of population as it was in previous years.